

## GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS - GREASBROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

### A WILLOW TREE ACADEMY SCHOOL

As part of the Willow Tree Academy Trust, Greasbrough Primary School is governed by two groups who work closely together:

- The **Trust board** of Willow Tree Academy has overall responsibility for managing the Trust and its schools. The Trust board is made up of members and directors/trustees and is a registered, not-for-profit, company limited by guarantee No: 9440025. The Trust board is accountable for the business operation of the Trust and sets the overall strategic direction and broad policy for the academies within the Trust. This includes responsibility for the three core functions of governance i.e.
  - Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
  - Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
  - Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The Trust is committed to ensuring that all children attend schools within the Willow Tree Academy which provide the highest standard and quality of education. The Trust operates under Articles and a Scheme of Delegation which sets out the specific responsibilities and way in which the Trust will be organised. The Scheme of Delegation states that in the Willow Tree Academy Trust, the governance of each of its academy schools is devolved to a formal Committee of the Trust, to be known as the Local Governing Body.
- The **Local Governing Body** of Greasbrough Primary School fulfils most of the responsibilities previously held by the Governing Body prior to conversion to an academy. Within the overall strategic direction set by the Trust board for all Willow Tree Academy Schools, the three core areas of governance stated above, will continue to be central to the work of the Local Governing Body.

The local governing body of Greasbrough Primary School will have responsibility for the strategic management of their school's allocated budget less any proportion to be retained for cross-school activity/expenditure as determined by the Trust. The Finance and Audit committee of the trust will support financial planning and take steps to seek out efficiencies for example where cost savings can be achieved. At incorporation as an academy, the existing policies of the school were adopted to ensure continuity of provision and organisation. The trust will however, seek to adopt a number of policies which will apply across all trust schools. This will assist in ensuring the most effective and efficient strategic management of the schools within the trust and a common framework for day to day operation, thus facilitating collaborative working across the trust schools and within those other school(s) which the trust is commissioned to support.

### MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY FOR GREASBROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL - SCHOOL YEAR 2016-7

	Role	Date of appointment/ re-appointment to GPS LGB	Term of office for LGB - 4 years to	Relevant business/pecuniary interests and governance in other educational establishments	Attendance at GB - year 2016-17  (6 meetings)
Liz Buxton	LA governor Chair of the LGB	1.9.2015	1.09.2019	Trustee/Director and vice- chair of Willow Tree Academy Chair of IEB Rockingham J&I School	6/6

Rebecca Barker	Co-opted governor	1.9.2015	1.09.2019	Director of Willow Tree Academy	6/6
Jane Fearnley	Executive Headteacher	-	n/a	Employee	5/6
Joanne Cook	Co-opted governor as Head of School	-	n/a linked to role	Employee	6/6
Nigel Sanderson	Parent governor	1.9.2015	1.09.2019		5/6
David Bradley	Parent governor	1.9.2015	1.09.2019		4/6
Julie Turner	Co-opted governor	1.9.2015	1.09.2019	Director of White Woods Academy IEB member - Rockingham J&I School	6/6
Sarah Jenkinson	Staff governor	1.9.2015	1.09.2019	Employee	4 /6
The Rev'd Canon Lyn Wortley	Co-opted governor	18.05.2017	18.5.2021		1/1

#### **CONTACTING TRUSTEES AND GOVERNORS**

Trustees and Governors can be contacted via the company office: Herringthopre Junior School, Chatterton Drive, Rotherham S65 2JW or the school office at Greasbrough Primary School, Munsbrough Rise, Greasbrough, Rotherham S61 4RB